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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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will be held at the COMPANY'S HOTEL, at NOON,
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to discuss any matters that may be competently
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
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By Order of the Board of Directors
C. MOONEY,
Secretary
Hongkong, 30th July, 1897. 1857

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COMPANY, LIMITED.

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of AUGUST, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the pur-
pose of receiving the report of the Directors
and the Statement of Account to the 31st
of JUNE, 1897, and of the proposed further
extension to Hing Hau Marine Ltd. No. 1 on terms to be stated.

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By Order of the Board of Directors
J. H. S. BOYD,
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paid to the Persons who are registered as
SHAREHOLDERS of the COMPANY on
MONDAY, the 10th AUGUST, 1897.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 10th
August, both days inclusive.

By Order,

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1897. 1804

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

FINAL CALL.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby advised

that the FINAL CALL of Two Dollars

(2) per Share has been made, and is payable

at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 27, QUEEN'S

ROAD CENTRAL, on 9th AUGUST, 1897.

Shareholders are requested, when paying the
above mentioned Call, to send to the Acting
Secretary their Provisional Share Certificates.
These will be retained, and fully Paid-up
when the final Call is made.

By Order of the Board of Directors

T. JACKSON, * Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1897. 1810

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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Hongkong, 4th August, 1897. 1807

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By Order of the Board of Directors
T. JACKSON, * Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 26th July, 1897. 1818

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1897. [22]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 7th, 1897.

In the Consular reports for last year, as well as in the Customs reports, reference is made to the scarcity of copper cash in China and the high rate at which they now exchange with the dollar. From Mr. TRAFMAN's report on the trade of Chungking we learn that the scarcity has been very seriously felt at that port, and that an attempt, which the Consul terms ill-advised, of the authorities to call in the small or debased coins which form about twenty-five per cent. of the currency did not improve matters. Silver coinage and cash notes were introduced, some \$20,000 worth of the silver tokens produced at the Wuchang mint being brought to Chungking and placed for circulation, and Government notes of the face value of 1,000 cash being printed. "These latter are," Mr. TRAFMAN continues, "unfortunately not 1,000 cash notes in reality, because they are fixed to exchange at 8 mace of silver, which now only produce a little over 900 cash. Whether from 'pure conserva' or from distrust of the officials whose money is concerned, the people have shown no inclination to make use either of the silver coins or of the notes, and cash continues tight. Meanwhile, an order has been placed with a foreign firm for the machinery for two mints, one to coin dollars at Chungking and one for cash at the provincial capital. It is to be hoped that the cash mint will turn out a smaller or cheaper coin than the existing one. So long as the metal produced by melting down 1,000 cash can be sold for more than that sum so long will good cash be scarce." In 1896, HOLLAND, the Consul at Ichang says: "The fall in the purchasing power of silver has affected the market in Ichang as regards the exchange between silver and copper cash, though no doubt, the primary factor in this question was and still is the scarcity of cash." Here we have a partial illustration of the working of bimetallism, the metals concerned being silver and copper instead of gold and silver; but it cannot be taken as conclusive, in view of the confused condition of the currency in China and the imperfect application of the law of legal tender. So far as the illustration goes, it is not very favourable to the bimetallic theory, as the fall in the value of one metal leads to a debasement of the coins of the other metal, but that does not prove that civilised States like those of Europe and America could not, by joint action, establish a legal ratio between the two precious metals, or for the matter of that, between silver and copper, if it were deemed desirable. There is no probability, however, of the States that have disturbed silver retaining their steps, and now that the white metal has fallen to low China is confronted with a serious problem in the regulation of her

currency of silver and copper. The lower silver falls the greater will be this movement to melt down the copper coin, and it appears impossible for the Chinese Government to maintain any fixed ratio between the two metals. But something will have to be done before very long. Let us see what that something will not be of a nature to further debase silver.

The P. & O. steamer *Boundary* left Singapore for that port on the 5th inst. at 6 a.m.

A gambling house at 43, Stanley Street was raided by P. S. Gillies on Thursday night, the master and nine men being arrested. The master was yesterday fined \$10 and the remainder \$5 each.

The body of an able seaman named Frank Lockhart was found under the ferry wharf at Kowloon yesterday morning by a man named Charles Evans, an armorer of H.M.S. *Warden*. The deceased had been missing since Wednesday night.

The news from Kuliang is that all the tigers have fled. What with the crowd of foreigners roaming over the hills by day, the lights seen in nearly fifty houses by night, and the number of traps set, the poor things have not thought it good enough to stay. *—Fochow Echo.*

"The Pirates of Pauancho" was produced last night by Pollard's Juvenile Opera Company to a full house of audience. The plot is that of a boy opposite a villain, and the villain is the Duke of Pauancho. *—Evening Times.* "The Duke" will sit on the boards for the first time in Hongkong and there is bound to be the usual enthusiasm Saturday night audience.

Mr. E. A. Ram, Secretary of the Hongkong Cricket Club, has arranged for a cricket wicket to be laid in Hongkong in November, the idea being to have a short time between the opening of the season and the start of the Chinese season.

The Band of the West Yorkshire Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess to-morrow evening—

Proceedional March, "Dance," "Noche Chantante," "The Marchioness," "Waltz Selection," "The Golden Legend," "Sullivan Selection," "God save the Queen."

A couple of Chinese excise officers entered an opium den at 23, West Street, on Thursday night and arrested the manager, who charged them with the possession of opium. After getting down the stairs of the house there was a row and the captured man succeeded in making his escape. The excise men gave chase and eventually collared a man and charged him at the Police Court yesterday. They avowed he was the person first arrested, but the master of the den proved conclusively that the prisoner had never been in the room, and the man was then given a flogging. The Magistrate discharged the prisoner and fined each of the excise officers \$25 for lying.

The Executive Council met yesterday to investigate the charges brought against Mr. Shiu, the Registrar General of the Customs and Excise Department. However, in their decision in either case had been arrived at when the Council adjourned. An inquiry is being held as to the best means of obtaining the decision of the Council who were informed by the Colonial Secretary that no communication would be made to the press, but the decision would be communicated to the public with the assent of the Council.

No Portuguese was included in the proposed grants to raise money for the harbour works. This seems disgraceful, but the fact is that Portuguese capitalists prefer to invest their money in Hongkong, either on deposit with the Banks or in shares paying good dividends, rather than in the port. In the report on the subject written by the Colonial Secretary it is stated that the amount of money available for the harbour improvement is £143,701,000. The Government contracted a loan of \$350,000 for harbour improvement, the above amount of \$143,701,000 having been added to the colony's revenue. Timor at that time could draw on the Chinese treasury as the Government had already spent £100,000 on the port. Since that time the amount has increased in many ways. Monopolies have been created, a heavy tax has been placed on sampan, and houses outside the city that formerly paid no ground rent now have to do so without exception. 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ON THE 17th day of August, 1897, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "BAVARIA" Captain E. Pein, with M.C.M.S. PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port, above, CALLING AT NAPLES and SORRENTE, will be granted till Noon on Saturday, the 14th August, and Bills of Lading will be received on Board until 6 A.M. on Monday, the 16th August, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on Monday, the 16th August. Contests of Pictures are required. No special Contests will be signed for less than \$100, and Parcels should be marked "Per Foot" and "Measurment." The Company's Agents will be present and receive a Doctor and Steward. Lines can be washed on board. For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1897. [7]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

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or about SATURDAY, the 1st inst.

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